## **Tevatron Injection Helix**

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- Squeeze Sequence 13, "New-new" helix at injection.
- 150 Gev Helix studies



Ramp Helix studies

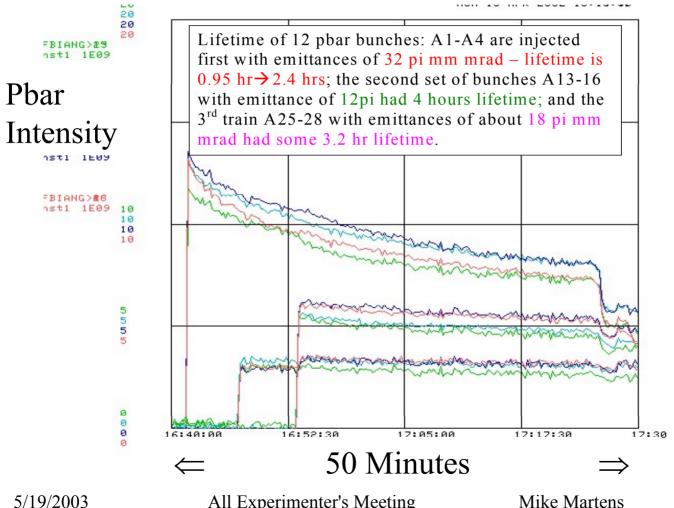
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- Investigating helical orbits
- New separator locations
- Momentum spread is important

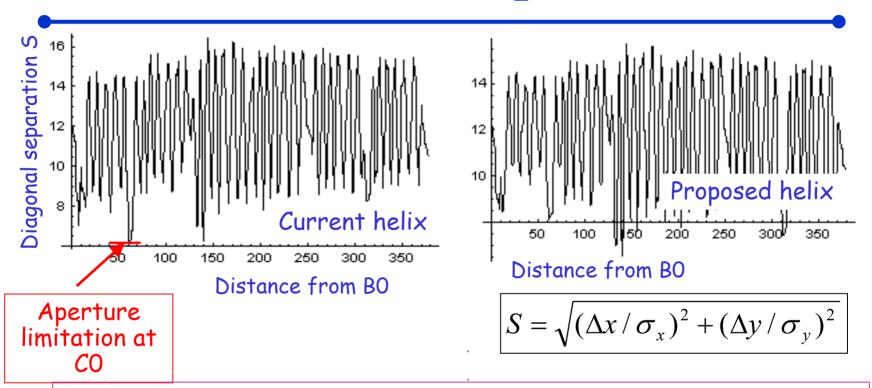
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Lattice modeling of the helices

## Beam-beam vs. emittance



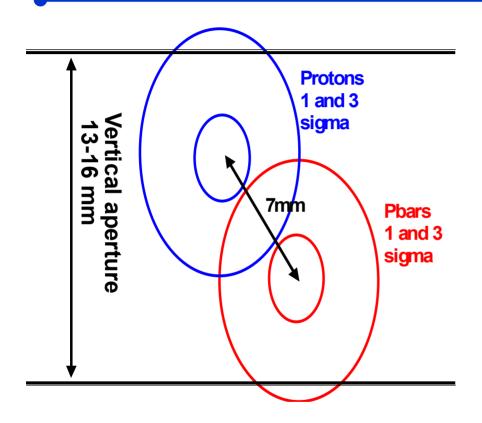
# Plan for Helix Improvement



Increasing proton/pbar helix separation

- Replace CO Lambertson with MI magnets
- Increase vertical aperture at CO from ~15mm -> 40 mm (but only ~30% larger helix due to other aperture limitations.)
- Modify helix to increase min separation,  $S_{min}$ , from 5.5 to 6.6

# **C0** Lambertson Replacement



CO Lambertson was smallest aperture restriction.

(Jan 2003)

Replace CO Lambertsons with MI dipole magnets. Gain 25 mm vertically.

Vertical Aperture was doubled.

## **Helix Implementation Progress**

#### Jan Shutdown:

- Replaced Lambertson
- Vertical Aperture 2X larger

#### Feb 19th:

- New helix was tried. Good lifetimes.
- Need to adjust feeddowns before operational.

Mar 27<sup>th</sup>: Aperture problems. (Including near F0.)

April 16th: Separators were not ramped correctly.

(April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Smoothed the orbits.)

# Work left to accomplish

- 1) Is minimum separation the best criteria for designing helices? (Maybe not!)
- 2) Complete helix testing. (Orbit is important.)
- 3) Adjust feeddowns for the new helix.
- 4) Propagate helix up the ramp.

### What about the lattice?

#### Chromaticity on the helices

Helix	Horz	Vert
Prot	11	3
Central	4	4
Pbar	3	3

Prefer to keep chromaticity at ~4 units with damper on for good lifetime.

Why is horizontal chromaticity so large on proton helix?

## **Conclusions**

- C0 Lambertson replacement was successful.
- New helix was attempted.
- Attention to orbits and feeddowns needed.
- Minimum separation may not be best criteria.
- Chromaticity is factor in the lifetime
- Lattice may not be well understood.